

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 26, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Alan Olson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Caferro
Rep. Scott Sales

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 827
Executive Action: HB 63, SB 272, SB 279, SB 308
HB 814

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 63

00:01:58 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 63 DO PASS.**

00:02:09 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 63 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth64a01)

Discussion:

00:02:28 Rep. Olson
00:02:31 Chairman Himmelberger
00:03:24 Rep. Olson
00:05:08 Rep. Jones
00:09:39 Rep. Phillips
00:10:50 Rep. Olson
00:11:08 Rep. Phillips
00:11:33 Rep. Olson
00:11:48 Rep. Phillips
00:11:55 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers Retirement
System
00:12:45 Rep. Olson
00:13:13 Mr. Senn
00:13:44 Chairman Himmelberger
00:13:54 Rep. Phillips
00:14:02 Rep. Olson
00:14:09 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
00:14:33 Rep. Wilmer
00:15:52 Rep. Dickenson
00:17:55 Rep. Olson
00:21:00 Rep. Jones
00:25:02 Rep. Branae
00:26:03 Rep. Ankney
00:27:18 Rep. Small-Eastman
00:27:49 Rep. Phillips
00:28:43 Rep. Olson
00:29:46 Rep. Phillips
00:30:00 Rep. Olson
00:31:12 Rep. Phillips
00:31:35 Rep. Dickenson
00:34:27 Rep. Small-Eastman
00:35:00 Sheri Heffelfinger

00:35:25 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 63 BE AMENDED** carried by roll
call vote, 10-8. Reps. Jacobson, Branae, Caferro,
Dickenson, Henry, Jones, Malcolm and Wilmer voted no.
Reps. Sales and Caferro voted by proxy.

00:37:00 **Motion:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 63 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:37:10 Rep. Jacobson
00:37:22 Ms. Heffelfinger

00:38:02 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 63 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT(ssth64a02)**

Discussion:

00:39:55 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:40:16 Rep. Phillips
00:40:20 Rep. Jacobson withdrew the amendment

00:41:08 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 63 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT(ssth64a03)**

Discussion:

00:41:07 Rep. Jacobson
00:42:02 Ms. Heffelfinger

00:42:30 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 63 BE AMENDED** carried by voice vote 17-1. Rep. Barrett voted no. Reps. Sales, Small-Eastman and Caferro voted by proxy.

00:43:07 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 63 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:43:38 Rep. Dickenson
00:44:13 Rep. Barrett
00:44:47 Rep. Jones
00:47:13 Rep. Phillips
00:47:47 Rep. Jones

00:49:59 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 63 DO PASS AS AMENDED** carried by roll call vote, 16-2. Reps. Jones and Sales voted no. Reps. Sales and Caferro voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 272

00:51:18 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 272 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:51:59 Rep. Phillips
00:52:44 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:52:51 Rep. Phillips
00:53:00 Chairman Himmelberger
00:53:06 Rep. Phillips
00:53:43 Rep. Wilmer
00:54:46 Chairman Himmelberger
00:54:53 Rep. Jones
00:55:39 Rep. Olson

00:56:43 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 272 BE CONCURRED IN** failed by voice vote, 0-18. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Hendrick and Caferro voted by proxy.

00:57:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 272 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Hendrick and Caferro voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 279

00:58:04 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 279 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:58:33 Rep. Jacobson
00:59:33 Rep. Small-Eastman
00:59:54 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:00:17 Rep. Olson
01:01:11 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:01:38 Rep. Olson
01:01:59 Chairman Himmelberger
01:02:05 Rep. Olson
01:02:21 Chairman Himmelberger
01:02:35 Rep. Olson
01:03:03 Chairman Himmelberger
01:03:52 Rep. Olson withdrew his motion on SB 279.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 308

01:04:12 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 308 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:04:23 Rep. Ingraham

01:06:53 Rep. Wilmer

01:09:01 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 308 BE CONCURRED IN** carried by roll call vote, 15-3. Reps. Ingraham, Olson and Sales voted no. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Hendrick and Caferro voted by proxy. Rep. Taylor will carry the bill.

01:12:23 Break

01:56:53 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 827

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:57:01 Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 827, Revise pension plans for new hires.

01:58:01 Sen. Joe Balyeat

EXHIBIT(sth64a04)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:06:55 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration

EXHIBIT(sth64a05)

02:15:46 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers Retirement System

02:21:52 Leo Berry, Representative, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees

02:24:51 Tom Bilodeau, Montana Education Association/Montana Federation of Teachers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:29:41 Rep. Phillips

02:30:25 Sen. Balyeat
02:31:31 Rep. Phillips
02:31:55 Sen. Balyeat
02:32:39 Rep. Phillips
02:33:51 Sen. Balyeat
02:34:50 Rep. Wilmer
02:35:41 Sen. Balyeat
02:38:36 Rep. Wilmer
02:38:50 Mr. Senn
02:39:52 Rep. Wilmer
02:39:59 Mr. Senn
02:40:14 Rep. Barrett
02:40:41 Sen. Balyeat
02:41:32 Rep. Barrett
02:41:49 Mr. Bilodeau
02:43:30 Rep. Phillips
02:44:55 Sen. Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

02:46:40 Sen. Balyeat

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 814

02:55:22 **Motion:** Rep. Dickenson moved that **HB 814 BE RECONSIDERED**, (HB 814 previously Tabled, 03/20/07)

Discussion:

02:55:34 Rep. Dickenson

02:59:07 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 814 BE RECONSIDERED** failed by roll call vote, with those present and voting 6-8. Reps. Branae, Dickenson, Henry, Phillips, Small-Eastman and Wilmer voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

02:59:41 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth64aad.pdf](#))